



King County

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther King Jr. County recognizes the natural environment as the foundation of a healthy society and a robust economy; and

**WHEREAS**, under population growth pressures, this county works with community groups, businesses and individuals to protect natural resources and maintain sustainable development in this region in order to protect human health, safeguard the environment and enrich quality of life for all county residents and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, global warming is a reality and we must act now to reduce our regional dependency on fossil fuels and develop a clean energy economy based on eco-friendly forms of fuel; and

**WHEREAS**, in its role as a regional government, Martin Luther King Jr. County has demonstrated corporate citizenship and public leadership in ways that are supportive of global warming adaptation and mitigation by employing critical policies on land use, public transit provision, environmental management and economic development directed towards stimulating climate-friendly fuel and technology markets; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther King Jr. County provides tools, resources and incentives designed to inspire residents to reduce their carbon footprints, live green and make every day Earth Day; and

**WHEREAS**, individual residents can take action in their daily lives to combat global warming by making energy-conscious choices such as using renewable sources of energy, making our homes more energy efficient, avoiding pesticides and herbicides, choosing to use alternative sources of fuel and transportation and educating future generations about these practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the county's annual Earth Day Expo provides the opportunity to learn how to take these actions and much more;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ron Sims, Executive of Martin Luther King Jr. County, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 22, 2008 to be

## Earth Action Day

in this great county. I encourage all residents to join me in celebrating the earth, learning how we can take action to prevent the adverse effects of global warming, protect our healthy natural environment and continue to build a thriving community of residents empowered for environmental protection.



Ron Sims  
King County Executive